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1. In early June 1955, the "Dr. Rudolf Friedrich" Bridge, formerly Canada Bridge, in Dresden which was demolished at the end of the war, was still in ruins. Only the bridge piers were still standing. There were no indications of intended reconstruction of bridge.¹

2. The following highway bridges over the Elbe River are in existence in Magdeburg:

a. Northern Bridge (Nord-Bruecke).

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The structure which was damaged during the war has a load capacity of 80 tons. The roadway of the bridge is 9 meters wide and the two sidewalks have a width of about 2 meters.

b. Herrenkrug Bridge.

The structure rests on five piers. War damage was repaired in 1952 and 1953. The bridge is capable of heaviest loads. Its roadway is about 11 meters wide and each of the two sidewalks is 2 meters wide.

c. Stream Bridge (Strom-Bruecke).

This bridge was destroyed at the end of the war in 1945 and 1946. There are the bridge was reconstructed in steel in such a way that there are two separate bridge lanes, 3.2 and 3.5 meters wide respectively, in addition to a sidewalk about 2 meters wide. One of the lanes is used by a streetcar line. The bridge is capable of heaviest loads.

d. Toll Bridge (Zoll-Bruecke).

The bridge is a stone structure across the Zoll-Elbe, a branch of the Elbe River which offers access to the Winter Harbor. The bridge was not destroyed during the war.

e. Long Bridge (Lange Bruecke).

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The Strom-Elbe River
the Alte Elbe River

} On Highway F-1

~~Strom-Elbe River~~
~~Zoll-Elbe River~~
~~Alte-Elbe River~~

} from Magdeburg-Altstadt
to Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt

The destroyed [REDACTED] Bridge crossed the Elbe River [REDACTED] of Magdeburg-Buckau
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- ~~b. Nord-Bruecke railroad bridge which was reconstructed in 19~~
- b. Nord-Bruecke/Herrenkrug-Bruecke on Highway UNCODED
- c. Strom-, Zoll-, and Lange-Bruecke connecting Magdeburg-Altstadt and Magdeburg-Friedrichstadt.
- d. Single-track railroad bridge (second track dismantled) leading from Magdeburg - Buckau to Biederitz and crossing the three arms of the Elbe River.
- e. Stern Bruecke which is still unrepaired.

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